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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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- 1. VASQUEZ LETTER TO RINZLER OF 16 JANUARY PROVIDES INFORMATION FOR PREPARING CONTRACT WITH MR. SALVADOR ORTEGA TO CONDUCT FIELD RESEARCH FOR SELECTION OF MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS TO 1976 FESTIVAL. WOULD APPRECIATE USIS THANKING VAZQUEZ AND ADVISING HER THAT SMITHSONIAN TOO, AWAITS ANXIOUSLY FOR BUDGET APPROPRIATION BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
- 2. WOULD APPRECIATE USIS ASSISTANCE IN NEGOTIATING FLAT SUM FOR CONTRACT DOWNWARD IF POSSIBLE. PER RINZLER MEMO TO CARTER AND INMAN OF OCT. 31, HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH BONFIL INCLUDED HIRING FIELDWORKER AT SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH, DECEMBER TO AUGUST. IN BUDGET RINZLER LEFT WITH AMBASSADOR CABRERA, THIS WAS FLAT 52,200 PESOS (4,200 DOLLARS). NOW WE ASSUME DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ARE NOT TO BE COVERED IN CONTRACT, UNCLASSIFIED

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SINCE BONFIL ADVISED WORK WOULD BEGIN ONLY WHEN MINISTRY

PROVIDED FORMAL CONFIRMATION OF FUNDING. SMITHSONIAN THEREFORE SUGGESTS 3,000 DOLLAR FLAT RATE, BASED ON SIX

HUNDRED PER MONTH, MARCH-JULY INCLUSIVE, AND HOPES THIS WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO VAZQUEZ AND BONFIL. IT WOULD COVER ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL, PER DIEM, PHOTOGRAPHING, TAPING AND PROFESSIONAL FEES FROM DATE OF SIGNATURE UP TO AUGUST FIRST WHEN GROUP DEPARTS FOR U.S.

- 3. IF NOT POSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE DOWNWARD, SMITHSONIAN WILL PREPARE CONTRACT FOR 4,200 DOLLARS.
- 4. PLEASE ADVISE IF ORTEGA SPEAKS ENGLISH. HE
  MIGHT THEN ACCOMPANY GROUP AS FOLKLORIST-PRESENTER BUT
  WOULD JUST RECEIVE FROM SMITHSONIAN SAME REIMBURSEMENT
  ACCORDED ALL PARTICIPANTS, NAMELY BOARD AND ROOM,
  INTERNAL TRAVEL AND TEN DOLLARS DAILY POCKET MONEY.
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